



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Tone 8 / Eothinon 11

Leavetaking of the Presentation (Meeting) of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

*We are glad you are with us this morning.  
If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to  
partake of the blessed bread during  
Communion and to join us at Coffee Hour ~  
we'd love to meet you!*

## **Calendar for this Week**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY**

**3rd**, and will reopen on Wednesday,  
February 12.

### **Sunday, February 9**

**NO Religious Education for 3-12 year-olds**

9:00 a.m. Teen Classes resume  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

### **Monday, February 10**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach Dinner at  
St. Michael's in Isla Vista

### **Tuesday, February 11**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Wednesday, February 12**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group  
8:15 p.m. Outreach Meeting

### **Thursday, February 13**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, February 14-Fr. Nicholas' birthday!**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, February 15**

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Sunday, February 16**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **Eucharist Bread**

February 9 Gish  
February 16 Dillon  
February 23 Meyer  
March 2 Tinyayeva

### **Coffee Hour**

February 9 Ben Hedges Family (to commemorate  
St. Theodora for Sydney Theodora)  
February 16 C. & C. Robinson (in honor of  
Fr. Nicholas' birthday)  
February 23 Meatfare Picnic  
March 2 Cheesefare Potluck

### **Greeters**

February 9 D. Washburn/D. Lewis  
February 16 K. & L. Jacobs  
February 23 S. & C. Shackelford  
March 2 D. & D. Alexander

### **Ushers**

February 9 C. Speier, Rita Schneider, P. King  
February 16 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King  
February 23 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner  
March 2 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

# CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

**AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.**  
**(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...” - Complete text is  
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **GREAT LITANY**

#### **First Antiphon—For the Feast of the Presentation**

*(verse) My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.  
My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.*

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos,  
O Savior, save us.**

*(verse) Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.  
Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.*

*(verse) Glory... & Both now...*

#### **Second Antiphon—For the Feast of the Presentation**

*(verse) Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy  
comeliness and Thy beauty.*

**Refrain: O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save  
us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

*(verse) Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.*

*(verse) Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the  
enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of  
Thy kingdom.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

**Third Antiphon—For the Feast of the Presentation**

*(verse) Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear;  
and forget thine own people and thy father's house.*

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!**

**From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,  
Who grants us the Resurrection!**

*(verse) The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]*

*(verse) I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]*

**- PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY -**

**AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 8**

**(Music on page 53 of Liturgy Book)**

From the heights Thou didst descend,  
O Compassionate One;  
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,  
that Thou might deliver us from passion.  
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,  
O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**Tone 1**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace;  
for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God,  
a light to those who dwell in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Simeon,  
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls,  
who grants us Resurrection.

**Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music is on p. 54 of Liturgy Book)                      Tone 3**

Holy Bishop Athanasius,  
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,  
strengthening the Church through your divine teachings.  
Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius,  
you explained and taught that the Son is equal in nature with the Father.  
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God  
that He may grant us abundant mercy.

**Kontakion of the Publican & the Pharisee**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!  
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!  
Let us cry to our Savior:  
“Have mercy on us,  
O only merciful One!”

**Kontakian of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple                      Tone 1**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb!  
And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal one, have mercy on us.  
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon:            With strength!

People:            Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)                      Tone 8**  
**(Music on page 63 of Liturgy Book)**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

**Verse:** *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**SUNDAY EPISTLE READING— Timothy 3:10-15**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil

men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **Alleluia before the Gospel**

**Tone 8**

**(Music on p. 65 of Liturgy Book)**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

**Verse:** Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

### **SUNDAY GOSPEL READING— Luke. 18:10-14**

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### **LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Meglynarion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**(Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginate Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

#### **Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:4)

#### **Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)**

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of thy mysteries to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss. But like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say, "Father, bless" when you get to the chalice.*

### **Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.

## **CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK**

### **Anniversaries**

2/13 Tom & Darbi Johnson

### **Birthdays**

2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner

2/12 Ginger Gillquist

2/14 Fr. Nicholas Speier

2/15 John Heiduk, Margaret Easbey

2/16 Lee Jacobs

### **Feast Day Celebrations**

2/10 **St. Anna of Novgorod**

Anya Johnson, Anya Madrigal

2/11 **St. Theodora the Empress**

Sydney Theodora Hedges

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: [www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org).

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday and Tuesday of this week, and will reopen on Wednesday, February 12. Daily services will be held, as usual.

**DON'T FORGET** to schedule a time with one of the priests of our parish to have your house blessed for the coming year!

**GREAT LENT BEGINS ON THE EVENING OF Sunday, March 2nd**, after The Vespers of Forgiveness, which are at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans for your entire family to join us for this beautiful service, as we have the opportunity to enter into our Lenten journey by giving and receiving forgiveness from each other.

**OUR PARISH WILL HOST THE CENTRAL COAST PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS this year** to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy on March 9th at 6:00 p.m. Please be with us for this triumphant service as we welcome our local Orthodox brethren into our new “home!”

### **ALL-PARISH MEETING—Sunday, March 16th**

We will have an all-parish meeting after Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 16th to get an update on our finances and budget for 2014, including the Building Fund, to have a brief orientation to our new “home,” and to discuss our new goals for the Building Project. Please reserve this date on your family calendar. More information will follow.

### **SETTLING INTO OUR NEW HOME**

As we get settled into our new building, we will be adjusting to the new space, trying out different ways of doing things, and learning some guidelines for how to be good stewards of our beautiful building. We ask that everyone be aware of the following:

- Please do not park in the Mentor parking lot next door. Very soon, the grassy area on our property, closest to Hollister, will be available for parking.
- We have a very sophisticated and sensitive heating and cooling system. Please do not open or prop doors, especially during the services.
- The lawn areas are still being seeded. Please do not walk or sit on them until the yellow tape is removed. Also, please try to avoid walking on the newly landscaped areas.
- We must all clean up after ourselves, and let's teach our children to do so, as well. Please “bus” your own table after coffee hour. If you spill something or see something spilled on

the carpeting, please clean it up as quickly as possible. We ask that you not set wet cups and food on the beautiful furniture in the foyer.

- Parents of infants: There are pull-down changing tables in both the women's and men's restrooms in the large, handicap stalls.
- Although we have no "Quiet Room" for fussy babies and children, we will eventually be piping the audio from the services into the foyer. Also, there will be a sitting area at the Hollister end of the building.
- As we do in school and other indoor environments, let's encourage our children to walk (not run) inside the church building. The long, open hallways are very tempting, but we have plenty of space outdoors to run.

### **A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR...**

1. **Mailing address for automatic payments:** You may use the P.O. Box 35, Goleta, CA 93116, or the new church address (300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.)
2. **Please designate** on donation checks to which account you want the funds to go. Otherwise, they will be entered as "tithes." We have a new bookkeeper who is not familiar with your donation habits or history.
3. If any of **your contact information** has changed in the past several months, please be sure to notify the church office with your most current address, email, home phone and cell phone.
4. If you or your family have taken a **new photo** in the past six months that you would like to submit for the new parish photo directory, please E-MAIL it by March 1st to the church office. [OFFICE@STATHANASIUS.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@STATHANASIUS.ORG)
5. The church office is **closed on Mondays**. Office hours are 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.
6. Ministry leaders, please **schedule use of the church building** with the church office .

# TEEN SCENE

## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects—FEBRUARY, 2014

### Rite 13 (Grades 7-8)

Sunday, February 9                      Progressive Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

Date TBA                                      St. Barbara Monastery visit

### J2-A (Grades 9-10)

Sunday, February 23                      Fire on Father, 5:00 p.m. at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

### YAC (Grades 11-12)

Sunday, February 23                      Fire on Father, 5:00 p.m. at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Camp St. Nicholas **Winter Teen Camp** - February 14-17, 2014  
(Presidents' Weekend)
- Project Mexico Mission Trip—August 13-19, 2014

***The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*** is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday. The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means "change of mind." To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

**Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: [office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Fr. Alexander Atty  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
    who have been  
    kidnapped by terrorists  
    in Turkey.  
Peggy K. and Family  
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.  
Fr. Luke H. and Family  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Mary Ellen B.

Kh. Luann B.  
Gail S.  
Olga G.  
Leona G.  
Mick K. & Family  
Mary & Susan  
Duane F.  
Marna D.  
Frank G.  
Baby Christian F.  
Richard

Eleni Z.  
Sylvia G.  
Jimmy  
Molly M.  
Joy  
Victoria T.  
Nataliya T.  
Galina  
Frances C.

**For repose of the souls of:** Patrick B., Andrew S., Fr. Jim, Robert H., Lou

**ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons’ litanies and should be submitted to the church office—[office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. Others are prayed for during the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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 \* **ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER** \*  
 \* The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two \*  
 \* enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and other items that \*  
 \* are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and \*  
 \* placed in the brown lock box. Make checks payable to “St. Atha- \*  
 \* nasius Book Center.” \*  
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-For the children to color during  
the homily or at home -

